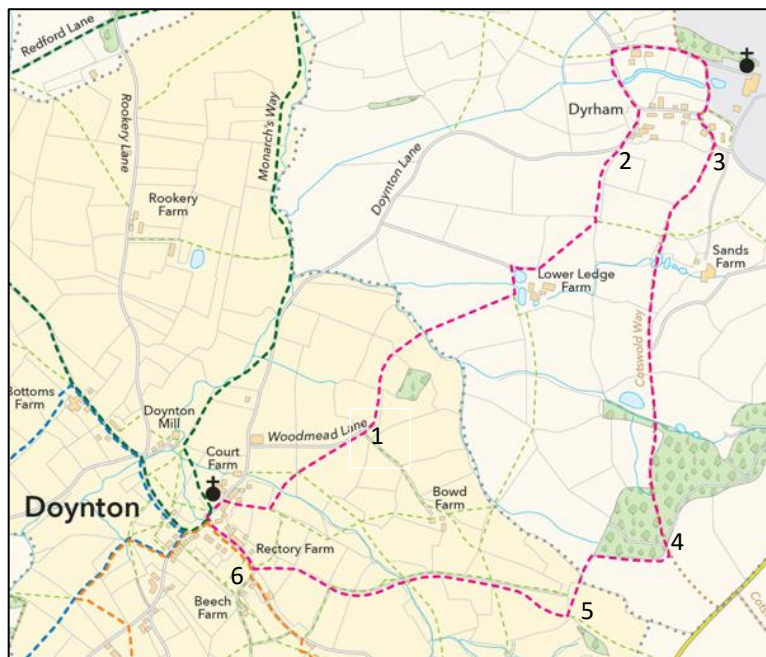


## Doynton Walk 1

## Dyrham Circuit



<b>Map</b>	OS Explorer 1:25K Bristol & Bath
<b>Start &amp; Finish</b>	Cross House Inn Doynton
<b>Grid Ref</b>	ST 71943 74008
<b>W3W</b>	redefined.spurned.deaf
<b>Distance</b>	5 miles
<b>Duration</b>	2.5 to 3 hours
<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate
<b>Terrain</b>	One moderately steep climb
<b>Accessibility</b>	No stiles but muddy in places

Leave the Cross House Inn and turn left towards Dyrham. Pass Holy Trinity Church on your left and maybe take a few minutes to inspect the unique 12<sup>th</sup> Century herringbone brickwork, “leper window” and gravestone to one unfortunate family who lost 8 children. Continue for another 200m to the Old Chapel which is now a house.

Turn right through a wooden gate and cross the field to a metal gate and then diagonally left cross the next larger field to a metal kissing gate in the corner. **(1)** Cross Woodmead Lane into a short track leading to a metal gate and enter the field. Bear left and then walk across 3 fields to a kissing gate. Cross the small stream and go through a further gate to cross a large field to a kissing gate leading to Lower Ledge Farm.

Turn left and follow the footpath signs through a car park to a kissing gate and then diagonally across a field. Ignore the first gate and walk on 50m to a kissing gate next to a water trough. Walk along the right hand side of the next field until you reach a bridge next to a gate and Dyrham Lane. **(2)** Turn right and walk to the road junction and then bear left toward Hinton passing a stream and waterfall.

Turn right at the next road and in 400m the road turns right near the entrance to St Peter’s Church. Pass in front of the Dyrham Park, a National Trust property built by William Blathwayt in the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century

Continue to the next road junction by a wooden seat then turn left up the hill. In about 150m turn right onto the Cotswold Way footpath and a circular seat renovated by the Cotswold Wardens and Cotswold Way Association. **(3)** Continue through a kissing gate and along a fenced track through 3 more kissing gates to a pond which was originally for crayfish cultivation.

Walk across a field and then along a field edge to a kissing gate and then down to cross a wooded stream. Ascend to enter Dyrham Wood after about 300m and continue climbing through the wood, pausing at the message box used by walkers on the Cotswold Way. Continue to the top of the wood and then leave the Cotswold Way, **(4)** turning right onto a permissive path that runs along the edge of Dyrham Wood. Continue along the edge of the wood with fine views ahead of you.

Turn left at the bottom of the field at a permissive path sign and cross the bottom of the field to a kissing gate. Cross the next field to a pedestrian gate on the right and then to a metal gate at the top of the escarpment. **(5)** Walk downhill diagonally to the right to two wooden kissing gates in the corner of the field. Walk straight ahead along the right hand edge of two fields for 350m to a kissing gate and bridge across a small stream.

Cross two more fields and exit through a kissing gate on the right hand side onto a green lane. Cross the green lane to a metal gate and then walk straight ahead through two more fields to join Toghill Lane opposite the cricket pitch. **(6)** Turn right to return to the centre of the village past the Village Hall and then left at the bus shelter to return to the Cross House Inn.

